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SUBJECT: 1976 MEAT IMPORT PROGRAM

REFERENCE STATE 303837, SAN JOSE 5236,

1. I WAS VERY SURPRISED TO RECEIVE STATE 303837 WITHOUT ANY SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE TO THE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS I ADVANCED IN SAN JOSE 5236. I AM PARTICULARLY DISTRESSED THAT THE COUNTRY SHARE FOR COSTA RICA WILL APPARENTLY BE ABOUT THE SAME AS LAST YEAR, DESPITE COSTA RICA'S EXCELLENT EXPORT RECORD IN THE PAST AND THE FOREIGN POLICY CONSIDERATIONS I HAVE PREVIOUSLY ADVANCED. SINCE IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO INCREASE THE ALLOCATION FOR 1975, I HAD HOPED THAT A SIGNIFICANTLY LARGER LEVEL WOULD BE APPROVED FOR 1976. IN FACT, MY CONVERSATIONS IN WASHINGTON IN LATE NOVEMBER, INCLUDING ONE WITH THE SECRETARY, ENCOURAGED ME TO BELIEVE THAT SUCH AN INCREASE WAS LIKELY.

2. WITH REGARD TO THE SPECIFIC QUESTION IN STATE REFTEL, I AM CONFIDENT THAT GOCR WILL AGREE IN PRINCIPLE TO NEW VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT AGREEMENT. WE KNOW, HOWEVER, FROM OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH TRADE AND GOVERNMENT THAT THEY WILL BE EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTED IF THEY DO NOT RECEIVE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE FOR 1976.

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IN 1975 COSTA RICA DEMONSTRATED ABILITY TO MEET

VRL PLUS ADDITIONAL SHORTFALL ALLOCATION FROM OWN PRODUCTION WITHOUT RESORTING TO IMPORTS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES. THEY ARE CLEARLY LOOKING FOR US RECOGNITION OF THEIR PERFORMANCE IN ANY NEW RESTRAINT PROGRAM.

3. I THEREFORE REQUEST AGAIN THAT THE ALLOCATION FOR COSTA RICA IN 1976 BE SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED. I WOULD APPRECIATE A REPLY TO THIS RECOMMENDATION AND THE OTHER POINTS RAISED IN SAN JOSE 5236 BEFORE WE APPROACH THE GOCR ABOUT THE 1976 RESTRAINT PROGRAM. THERE WILL, IN ANY CASE, BE NOBODY WE CAN TALK TO ON THIS MATTER BEFORE JANUARY 5, SINCE THE GOVERNMENT IS CLOSED BY PRESIDENTIAL ORDER UNTIL THAT DATE.

4. I WOULD ALSO THINK IT DESIRABLE, IF NOT ESSENTIAL, THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED TO TELL THE GOCR SPECIFICALLY WHAT THE PROPOSED RESTRAINT LEVEL IS, AS WE DID BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE LAST YEAR, WHEN ASKING FOR ITS AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE. WE SHOULD ALSO SEEK TO CONSULT ON PROCEDURES WE BOTH FOLLOW FOR MONITORING AND RECORDING SHIPMENTS PER PARA. 3 OF STATE 287513.

5. IN ADDITION, STRICTLY FOR OUR OWN INFORMATION, I WOULD APPRECIATE RUNDOWN OF BOTH PERCENTAGE SHARES AND RTBSOLUTE LEVELS PROPOSED FOR ALL COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN MEAT IMPORT PROGRAM.  
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